

**Brooklyn County General Service**  
**Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2019**  
**St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

County Officers in Attendance: Colleen (DCMC), Deborah (Treasurer), Richard (Registrar), Stacy (Secretary), (Ken, Alt DCMC, absent)

Visitor: Ed, Treatment and Facilities Chair for SENY

**Next County Meeting:** Wednesday May 15, 2019 (6:30 New GSR and DCM orientation, 7:30 regular meeting)  
(See [brooklynaa.org](http://brooklynaa.org) for more info on future meetings and future County events.)

**Next SENY Assembly:** Post Conference Assembly, Saturday May 4, 2019 in Yonkers

Brooklyn will have a bus leaving at 7:30 sharp from 20 Lafayette Ave, in front of The Brooklyn Academy of Music, BAM. (See [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org) for more info on future meetings and future SENY events.)

**Opening/Welcome:**

Open with the serenity prayer

Preamble: read by Idell

Daily Reflections: read by Deborah

Step 4: Read by Christopher

Tradition 4: Read by Kathleen

Concept 1: Read by Jess

**Officer Reports:**

**Colleen (DCMC):**

- Update from last committee meeting:

- The name “Special Needs” has been changed to “Accessibilities,” as it was deemed a more inclusive title (This motion passed)
- There was discussion of combining “Treatment and Facilities” with “Accessibilities” (This motion did not pass)

- Delegate’s Questionnaire:

- If you did not get the questionnaire or attend the assembly, both the questionnaire and presentations/background information from the Delegate’s Day of Sharing are available at [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org)
- If you have not done so yet, please plan a meeting with your group to discuss
- If you have further questions you can send them directly to the Delegate, Jane (Contact information on back of the Link)
- Submit by May 4. You can either hand in a hard copy of the questionnaire at the Pre-Conference Assembly, submit a scanned copy online, or submit online via a fillable PDF

- Post Conference Assembly:

- Will be held June 15 at St. Francis de Sales (260 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, New York)
- There will not be a bus
- Colleen will not be in attendance, but Ken (Alt DCMC) will be there

- The chairs are Michelle and Charlene, contact them if you'd like to do service
- NOTE: Michelle can no longer co-chair, we will need a new volunteer

- NERF (North East Regional Forum) "GSO Roadshow"

- Opportunity to talk directly to GSO members
- Will be held May 30, 31, & June 1 at Westchester Marriot in Tarrytown
- Register online at [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org), registration is free.
- There will not be a bus going from Brooklyn
- Program is available online

**\*\*April anniversaries and birthdays announced**

**Ken (Alt DCMC):** (absent)

**Deborah (Treasurer):**

- Report of Expenses distributed and read
  - Closing balance \$2,889.93
  - See report for details
- Making group contributions to Brooklyn County:
  - Distributed copies of pamphlet: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." This provides an example of the percentages a group may follow for making service contributions
  - \*\*Keep in mind: There are more service entities in New York City than this accounts for, it does not include both Districts and Counties. You may want to write your own distribution formula taking that into account
  - You can donate online using PayPal. The link is under the Brooklyn Share a Day tab, but you can mark it as a general group contribution. We are hoping to update the user experience to make this easier
- Reimbursements for expenses:
  - If you purchase something to be reimbursed by the county, please email Deborah or Colleen what you plan to spend, and for what. This will help us to track these things better
  - Still bring the receipt to Deborah after the purchase is made
  - We will be creating a form to help this process
- Budget:
  - The projected expenses are greater than the projected income in 2019, with a projected shortfall of \$1,088.52. (Total projected income totals \$14,475.00, Total projected expenses totals \$15,563.52)
  - Overview/run down of budget by Deborah
  - Discussion: Devin, Liability insurance, could we get a better number? Suggests we might be able to cut this cost.
  - Discussion: The projected number for group contributions for Share A Day is \$300. This seems low, we will likely get more. How can we encourage more contributions to this event as well?

**Richard (Registrar):**

- We have quorum
- Question to anyone who has chaired a committee in the last 3 years: How much printing have you done? (Might look into going somewhere to get a discount)

**Stacy (Secretary):**

- Error on distributed minutes: Correct date from January 23, 2019 to March 13, 2019
- Have also been emailed
- Send corrections to Stacy at [secretary@brooklynaa.org](mailto:secretary@brooklynaa.org)

**Standing Committee Reports:****Archives (Evan):** Absent**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)(Joe):**

- Attended a PI/CPC workshop at the SENY convention on how to communicate with the outside world/professionals about AA
- Will be attending the April 30 SENY CPC Committee meeting
- Will attend a health fair on April 24 at St. Francis College with Laura, the SENY CPC Chair, and the SENY PI chair, will be manning a table

**Grapevine (Miriam):**

- Wants to do two workshops a year for the *Grapevine* and *La Vina* going forward, looking for possible locations
- Dates not yet determined, hoping the first one will be in July 2019

**Corrections (Lucas):**

- Met with Eddie at the SENY convention and took the commitment
- Went to his first corrections meeting and will continue to attend
- Working to understand which facilities in Brooklyn have meetings, will contact Evelyn, Brooklyn's past Chair for further information
- Email will be [correctionschair@brooklynaa.org](mailto:correctionschair@brooklynaa.org)
- Wants to have table at Brooklyn County Share A Day

**Intergroup Liaison (Devin): Brooklyn Representative for NY Intergroup**

- NY Intergroup is located at 307 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 201 in Manhattan
- NY Intergroup is responsible for hosting the annual Big Meeting and the Bill W. Dinner Dance, Selling literature, managing [NYintergroup.org](http://NYintergroup.org) etc.
- In need of more attendees at the Brooklyn Area Forum (Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month at 121 Pierrepont Street at 12 noon)
- Please go back to your groups and see if you have a NY Intergroup rep, if so, please have them contact Devin. If not, please consider electing one. They will be responsible for attending the Brooklyn Area Forums (bi-monthly) and quarterly Delegates Meetings (held after the speaker exchange meetings)
- Devin can link you up, just email: [brooklynarearep@nyintergroup.org](mailto:brooklynarearep@nyintergroup.org)
- NY Intergroup is still in need of contributions
- Brooklyn is hosting the Bill W. Dinner Dance this year and there will be some changes (Ex: No band) The next committee meeting will be held April 28, 2018 at 2pm.

**Brooklyn Junction (Charlene):**

- Upcoming committee dates are listed in the current junction
- Includes an article on spring housecleaning
- Send submissions to [brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org](mailto:brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org)

- Charlene will be stepping down from the commitment after June, please see Charlene or Colleen if interested in taking over

**Literature:** (absent)

**Public Information:** (absent)

**Brooklyn County Share A Day (Stacy L. and Willie W.):**

- Will be held June 29, 2019 at St. Francis De Sales School for the Deaf on Eastern Parkway
- 2019 co-chairs will be Stacy and Willie
- Will soon be looking for volunteers and participants
- Group donations encouraged
- Next planning meeting will be April 28
- Program Chair Jonathan: Will be contacting DCMs about hosting meetings.
- Service Fair Chair Ted: Who would like a table? Email [specialneeds@brooklynaa.org](mailto:specialneeds@brooklynaa.org) or text 347-268-8873 if interested

**Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast (Mishie O. and John):**

- Tickets will be sold at Brooklyn Share A Day, \$35.00 (same as last year)
- Will be selling tables (10 people each, reserve as a group and provide your name)
- Will once again be held at the Grand Prospect Hall
- By the County meeting in June, they will have a plan to distribute tickets to DCMS (Will ask a point person in each location to pass out tickets in their area)

**Treatment Facilities:** (absent)

**Web Chair (Clyde):**

- Can be contacted at [webchair@brooklynaa.org](mailto:webchair@brooklynaa.org)
- If you want a county email address, talk to Clyde
- If you have an event, flyer, etc. contact Clyde he will put it online

**Special Needs / Accessibilities: (Ted)**

- Attended last event, discussed having a Special Needs workshop within SENY
- Al P. from Manhattan is trying to introduce a pamphlet called "12 Steps Towards Recovery From Cancer," and wants to know if they would like to send it off as a suggestion to the GSO on behalf of SENY. Remains in discussion, email the SENY Accessibilities Chair (on back of link) if you have questions
- Also asked Brooklyn to review a couple of other pamphlets
- SENY is no longer called "Accessibilities and Special Needs," just "Accessibilities." Does Brooklyn want to also change our language that way? We can discuss at the next county meeting

**Service Sponsorship Chair (Brigitte):**

- Introduction of new GSRS
  - Christopher (GSR Sober on the Hill)
  - Deborah (GSR Midday Sobriety 2 for 1)
  - Idell (GSR Grace and Dignity)
  - Kathleen (GSR Young People in Recovery)
  - Jeff (GSR Alphabet Soup)

### **DCM Reports:**

*(Note, No DCM on record for 406 or 413)*

**DCM400/402:** No report (No DCM?)

**DCM401 (Ted):** No report

**DCM403 (David):** Part of cluster (401/403/411)

- If your group would like to adopt a meeting at an institution, contact David (He is also the co-chair Institutions rep for Brooklyn)
- The cluster is trying to put together a picnic, be on the lookout
- Weeksville is holding a Memorial Day Alcathon, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1603 Dean Street

**DCM 404 (Evan):** Absent

**DCM405 (Charlene):**

- Next meeting of the AA Historical Book Club is April 28, 3:30 to 4:30pm
- Discussing ways to have a virtual district meeting, if anyone has ideas, please let her know

**DCM 407/409 (Michael):** Absent

**DCM408 (Miriam):** Absent

**DCM 410 (Mishie):**

- Will be hosting an AA Movie Night on May 18 at 103 Quincy, Bill's Story 7-9:30 with popcorn and candy

**DCM412 (Clyde):**

- Planning a spring workshop with the theme "I am responsible" on challenges of a diverse community. Will be held at St. JME church, tentatively on May 18. Looking for panelists with experience on the topic

**DCM 411 (Devin, Alt):**

- If anyone is a GSR in District 411, please contact him
- Trying to plan a workshop, Beginners, might be later in the year, having trouble nailing down

\*\*\*Note: If you have an upcoming district event, send to Clyde to add to the calendar, so we don't overlap

### **GSR Reports:**

**GSR Ocean Hill (Omar):**

- Completed the Delegates Questionnaire and submitted online

**GSR Women in the Spirit (Brigitte):**

- On behalf of OPSC: Will hold their annual group anniversary meeting on May 4
- On behalf of OPSC: Upcoming Old Timers Meeting, 5 speakers with 25+ years of sobriety

**GSR Our Father's House (Barron):**

- Had to let go of three weekly meetings because of the space
- Will do Delegate's Questionnaire at next business meeting

**GSR Prospect Group (Cephus):**

- Group Anniversary meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**GSR TRANScend (Lucky):**

- Plans to send a \$50 donation to Brooklyn County Share A Day
- The meeting "Queer Melanin" has folded
- If you are interested in trans friendly language, look online, many resources available

- Our delegate Jane is submitting for the trans community to be included as a remote community

**GSR Simply Saturday (Joe):**

- Will hold their 26<sup>th</sup> year Group Anniversary meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>

**GSR Grace and Dignity (Kathy Lou):**

- Womens meeting held on Fridays 8:30-9:30am at 595 Classon Avenue, with a 7 minute meditation then round robin sharing, one anniversary meeting per month,
- Idell will serve as the Alt GSR, also determined a NY Intergroup rep

**GSR New Beginnings (Willie):**

- Celebrated their 8th Group Anniversary on April 5<sup>th</sup>

**GSR Midday 2 for 1 (Deborah):**

- Held on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Monday to Friday, 12 to 1pm. Rotating format.
- Will be discussing neutrality in prayer, possibly changing from speaker's choice to serenity prayer, will be voting on it soon

**GSR No Serenity Till Brooklyn (Caroline):**

- Recently had their 7<sup>th</sup> year Group Anniversary meeting
- Did the Delegate's Questionnaire

**GSR Alphabet Soup (Jess):**

- LGBTQ meeting held on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Mount Carmel Church
- Will do the Delegate's Questionnaire at the next business meeting\

**GSR Clinton Carroll (Eric):**

- Held Mondays to Fridays at 7:15pm on the corner of Clinton and Carroll streets
- Distributed Delegate's Questionnaire, will complete at next business meeting

**GSR Sober on the Hill (Christopher):**

- Mens meeting held at 103 Quincy Street on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:45pm
- Will discuss Delegate's Questionnaire at next business meeting

**GSR Clean and Dry (Josh):**

- Completed the Delegate's Questionnaire

**GSR Lafayette-Clinton (Jonathan):**

- Held at 300 Vanderbilt at 7:15pm on Wednesdays
- Completed the Delegate's Questionnaire

**GSR Sober Living (Tom):**

- Completed the Delegate's Questionnaire

**\*\*Note to DCMs: Next SENY Committee meeting will be held Monday June 3rd**